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EXAMINING GROUP 2154
Docket No.: 826.1517

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Minoru KURIKI, et al.

Serial No. 09/189,410

Group Art Unit: 2154

Filed: November 10, 1998

Examiner: A. Caldwell

For: MESSAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, MESSAGE MANAGEMENT METHOD AND
STORAGE MEDIUM FOR STORING MESSAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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This Supplemental Amendment supplements an Amendment filed March 22, 2002, which was filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2001.

The remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In the Advisory Action of April 4, 2002, the Examiner noted that "The amendments include the new limitation of 'interpersonal' messages. It is unclear where this new limitation is supported in the specification as originally filed." This Supplemental Amendment clarifies how the specification supports the "interpersonal" feature.

SUPPORT FOR "INTERPERSONAL"

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "interpersonal" to mean "being, relating to, or involving relations between persons".